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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC: ITEM 24 - INDEPENDENCE OF COLONIAL COUNTRIES

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1. AFTER INTERVENTION BY AMB OF PORTUGAL AS OBSERVER,
FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARA RES WITHDRAWN AND SUBSTITUTE
THEREFOR IS AS FOLLOWS:

"WELCOMING THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENT
OF PORTUGAL CONCERNING THE PROMULGATION OF A DECREE
BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF PORTUGAL RECOGNIZING THE
RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES OF COLONIAL
TERRITORIES AND THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
PORTUGAL OF THE DECLARATION ON GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND PEOPLES CONTAINED IN GA
RES 1514 (XV) AS WELL AS TO THE RELEVANT DECISIONS
AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN WITH RESPECT TO THESE
TERRITORIES."

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AND, IN ADDITION, OPERATIVE PARA 9 AMENDED TO DELETE

PHRASE -AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL."

2. WITH AMENDMENTS, FRANCE, UK, BELGIUM, AND FRG
INDICATE THEY WILL ABSTAIN ON VOTE ON RES.

3. IN VIEW OF CHANGED SITUATION, I.E., CONSTRUCTIVE
AMENDMENT OF RES AS FAR AS IT GOES AND POSITION OF
ABOVE DELS, AMB FERGUSON INTENDS TO ABSTAIN WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO POSITION OF USG IN PLENARY. BELIEVE
THIS POSITION NECESSARY TO AVOID ISOLATION, BUT YET
LEAVES US FREE TO CAST FINAL VOTE IN PLENARY AFTER
CONSULTATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT WHICH NOW NOT POSSIBLE
IN LIGHT OF PRESSURE IN COMMITTEE TO DISPOSE OF ITEM
TODAY, JULY 29.

4. FERGUSON INTENDS EXPLAIN POSITION OF ABSTENTION
AS REFLECTING INABILITY TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH
DEPARTMENT AND CONTINUING OPPOSITION TO REMAINING
PARAS WHICH CALL FOR ILLEGAL ACTION, MAKES CONCLUSIONS
WITH WHICH WE CANNOT AGREE AND RAISED NEW MATTERS OF
SERIOUS CONCERN ON WHICH INSUFFICIENT TIME HAS BEEN
ALLOTTED TO DEAL WITH APPROPRIATELY.
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